

Honor" by declaring Ms. Teryle L. Berry U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of July, 2012.

HONORING 2012 UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, let it be known that it is an honor and pleasure to pay tribute to Corporal Richard M. Morrison for his extraordinary service to our country both on and off the battlefield, for which he has been named the 2012 Upper Peninsula of Michigan Veteran of the Year.

Corporal Morrison served in the Fighting 4th Division of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima, and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Long after he retired his Marine Corps' uniform, Corporal Morrison has continued to serve our country as a public servant and mentor to our veterans. He has dedicated his life to serving veterans and their families in communities throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Corporal Morrison is currently affiliated with the Walter W. Cole American Legion, the Marine Corps League Detachment and Military Order of the Devil Dogs among other organizations. Corporal Morrison has also been elected as the Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander of American Legion Post 301, as well as the American Legion 11th District Commander.

For his more than 25 years of work as a Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs Service Officer and his 8 years as Chairman of the American Legion Department of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee, the American Legion officially named their annual officer service school the "Richard Morrison Service Officer School."

During 2012, Corporal Morrison attended all American Legion district and zone meetings; visited four Marine Corps Detachments; served on the 2012 Michigan Marine Corps League State Convention Committee; taught students about military history at six local schools; trained American Legion Service Officers; and was a member of the Delta County Veterans Council Funeral Honor Guard.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First District, it is my privilege to recognize Corporal Richard M. Morrison as the 2012 Upper Peninsula of Michigan Veteran of the Year for his service, sacrifice, and continued patriotism.

RECOGNIZING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of

the Emancipation Proclamation. On September 22, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation as of January 1, 1863 all slaves residing in the states in rebellion against the Union would be forever free. President Lincoln's bold move changed our Nation for the better and is a defining moment in American history. In honor of this historic moment many organizations from coast to coast are hosting celebrations.

In my district, radio station Classical KUSC, MusicUNTOLD and the Colburn Foundation are partnering together to support a 150th Anniversary Emancipation Proclamation concert. The concert program will consist of solo and duet performances interspersed with spoken texts describing the American journey from slavery to the election of President Barack Obama. The concert will be preceded by a lecture about the music and the Civil War era giving participants a historical context of the inspiring music following.

Featured artists represent a wide range of styles and have appeared on the stages of great opera houses and concert halls worldwide. Artists include tenor George Shirley, baritone Donnie Ray Albert, soprano Latonia Moore, violinist Sanford Allen and Annette Gregory, violist Nokuthula Ngwenyama, soprano Jammieca Mott, composer-pianist Richard Thompson and pianist Lukas Swidzinski, Polli Chambers-Salazar, and Althea Waites.

In past years, John Malveaux, president of the Long Beach Central Arts Association and a longtime arts promoter who runs MusicUNTOLD and Classical KUSC radio station have presented an annual Juneteenth Concert in Long Beach. Promoting historical awareness through music has been a strong tradition of MusicUNTOLD and Classical KUSC radio stations. I commend their tireless work in the Long Beach community.

Mr. Speaker, the Emancipation Proclamation established a moral strength that reverberates throughout American history. The Emancipation Proclamation was a milestone along the road to slavery's final destruction and has justly assumed its hallowed place among the great documents of human freedom.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

Fought on September 10, 1813 during the War of 1812, the Battle of Lake Erie was a naval victory for the Americans led by Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry. The American fleet consisted of nine vessels: Brig *Lawrence*, Brig *Niagara*, Brig *Caledonia*, Schooner *Ariel*, Schooner *Scorpion*, Schooner *Somers*, Sloop *Trippie*, Schooner *Porcupine*, Schooner *Tigress* and Schooner *Ohio* carrying 557 crewmen. Commander Robert Heriot Barclay led the British forces and their six vessels: the *Detroit*, *Queen Charlotte*, *Lady Prevost*, Brig *Hunter*, *Little Belt* and *Chippeway*.

The Battle of Lake Erie, waged over control of Fort Malden, started early in the morning.

Following hours of fierce gunfight, the American flagship, the *Lawrence* had been disabled. However, the *Niagara* had been spared and within another half hour, Perry and his crew from the *Lawrence* had moved over to the *Niagara* from which they led the Americans to victory. They had captured all of the British vessels.

This year's celebration will span from August 30 to September 8. It will feature performances by the U.S. Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band at the Port of Cleveland Harbor and the Navy Band Concert at Catawba Island Club. This year's events have been selected to be a lead up to next year's bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 199th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

HONORING MARGARET JEAN LABORN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, twenty-nine years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Government of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn began her career service with two years in the United States Marine Corps and since 1987, has served in the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) retiring today as an Economic Development Assistant; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents in both military and civilian service giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn on her retirement and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 31, 2012 as Ms. Margaret Jean Laborn Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 31st day of July, 2012.

HONORING MR. ROMAN PUCINSKI AND HIS WORK UNCOVERING THE KATYN MASSACRE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roman C. Pucinski, whose tireless efforts helped shed light on the horrific Katyn Massacre of 1940. Mr. Pucinski was a leader